

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on February 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lexi Goble, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 424, 2/9/2017; HB 429, 2/9/2017

HEARING ON HB 424

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:27 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 424, Recognizing source watersheds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:15 Lain Leoniak, City of Bozeman
 00:07:47 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC)
 00:09:58 Aimee Grmoljez, City of Bozeman
 00:11:10 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
 00:12:03 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)
 00:13:27 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon Center (MAC)
 00:14:18 Bryan Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

00:28:27 Rep. Abbott has joined the meeting

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:59 Rep. Flynn
 00:15:47 Rep. Z. Brown
 00:16:22 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
 00:18:25 Rep. Flynn
 00:19:25 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
 00:20:30 Alice Stanley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
 00:20:54 Rep. Flynn
 00:21:37 Alice Stanley, DNRC
 00:23:09 Rep. Flynn
 00:23:50 Alice Stanley, DNRC
 00:24:58 Rep. Fitzgerald
 00:25:35 Alice Stanley, DNRC
 00:26:25 Rep. Fitzgerald
 00:26:44 Alice Stanley, DNRC
 00:27:46 Rep. Court Joined the Meeting
 00:28:01 Rep. Fitzgerald
 00:28:50 Rep. Z. Brown
 00:30:53 Rep. Flynn
 00:31:23 Rep. Z. Brown
 00:32:34 Rep. Fleming
 00:33:35 Chair White
 00:34:24 Alice Stanley, DNRC
 00:35:41 Chair White
 00:36:48 Lain Leoniak, City of Bozeman
 00:37:42 Chair White

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:46 Rep. Z. Brown

HEARING ON HB 429

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:47 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 429, Water permit exemption for fire department operations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:53 Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County

00:46:34 Leonard Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance

Opponents' Testimony:

00:47:28 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)

00:49:38 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MRA)

00:50:46 Jan Langel, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:37 Rep. Curdy

00:52:58 Mike Cuffe

00:54:46 Rep. Gunderson

00:55:17 Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County

00:55:56 Rep. Flynn

00:56:55 Mike Cuffe

00:57:41 Rep. Flynn

00:57:50 Mike Cuffe

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:20 Mike Cuffe

01:00:38 Chair White

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01:01:09 Rep. Z. Brown

01:01:38 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:02:31

Lexi Goble, Secretary

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